Laurier, Sir Wilfrid

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The passing of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has created a great gap in the public life of Canada and has made the country realise what a distinguished part he has played in the Dominion. Abroad, his commanding abilities and courteous bearing always brought attention to the country which he represented. The purity of his personal life, his intellectual interests, and charm of manner won him friends even among his political opponents, but he will be chiefly remembered for the many years of effort which he devoted very effectually to bringing the English and French speaking parts of Canada into more harmonious relations with one another.

In 1897 he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by this University and it will be universally admitted that among Canadians none have worn it with more dignity.

February 18th, 1919. President.